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2. At about 5 a.m. on 18 September, six T-34/85 tanks were observed, coming from the direction of Spremberg. Six trucks, occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and each towing a ZIS-2 57-mm AT gun, were seen at 6 a.m.

Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., reports of tank guns and AT guns were heard from the artillery firing range.

3. At 3:30 p.m. on 19 September, about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with submachine guns and equipped with gasmasks and full field pack arrived in Weisswasser aboard a regular passenger train, coming from the direction of Cottbus. The soldiers marched into Camp Nochten.

4. Between 6 a.m. and noon on 20 September, reports of tank guns and AT guns were heard from the artillery firing range. At 11:30 a.m., armored scout car No 0-08 was seen en route to the firing range, coming from Camp Nochten. An undetermined number of troops engaged in firing at practice targets at the infantry training area.

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Comment. The information indicates that the firing practices of units of the 9th Mecz Div, which started at the Weisswasser troop training grounds on 15 September, continued until 20 September. Compare with information by the same source of 15 September.

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